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podium but I know what it sounds like back here in the 35th District and it is a little confusing, the noise that is permeating to the floor.

PRESIDENT: I would ask that the membership do Senator Kelly the courtesy of being more orderly. A request for more order usually comes from those that have the microphone but we should do the person that has the microphone that courtesy of keeping the volume down. Proceed, Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Dear friends, I will do this quickly so you can get on with your discussion, but will you just give me two or three minutes so that you will understand the basic proposition contained in LB 669. It is legislative approval for a county of 40,000 residents or more to petition the county board of supervisors to hold an election whereby the local citizens can determine their local need for a local juvenile court. It is extremely difficult to explain to this body our need. Further it is hard to explain to this body the lack of need of a juvenile court in Hall County which would qualify at the 40,000 figure. The Legislature has extreme wisdom when they put this delicate question at the local level where the families and the children reside. They know what it is they desire to do. The statutes at this time prohibit the city, or correction, the citizens of Hall County the opportunity to petition, have a discussion and settle the question and LB 669 merely requests your permission for this local discussion to happen. I would move we advance the bill to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: We have the amendments to take up first, Senator Kelly, so now with Senator Kelly's explanation of the bill, we now take up Senator Nichol's amendment to the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I explained this a minute ago. Shall I go through it again, sir?

PRESIDENT: You might remind the body since Senator Kelly managed to get their attention.

SENATOR NICHOL: The only difference this would make was instead of reading 40,000 population or more it would be 30,000 population or more. So my amendment would take in the counties that have a population between 30,000 and 40,000.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Nichol's amendment as well as to support the concept of LB 669. This is needed legislation but it is still permissive legislation. Those residents in the respective counties will be making the final decision as is right. Let's have this permissive legislation so that the citizens may have this option to choose.